

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A level for facilitating handling during use is disclosed. The level includes element-contacting means, level-indicating means mounted with respect to the  
5 element-contacting means; and a cylindrical handle portion mounted with respect to the element-contacting means. In preferred embodiments, the level-indicating means is mounted in the cylindrical handle portion. The level is also described as comprising a body including a cylindrical portion and a trapezoidal portion connected at an interface, a vial mounted in the body at a predetermined angular relationship to the  
10 level face and at least one hand-grip aperture formed in the trapezoidal portion adjacent to the cylindrical portion to allow a user to grip the cylindrical portion.